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**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
MORGANZA, LOUISIANA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

**A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY**

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PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
MORGANZA, LOUISIANA**

GOVERNING BOARD

<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Eugene Serio, Chairman	Board Members	December 31, 2004
Valery Joseph Landry	Pointe Coupee Police Jury	December 31, 2004
Mark Ramagos	Pointe Coupee Police Jury	December 31, 2003
Martin Frey	Village of Morganza	December 31, 2004
Michael Neal	Village of Morganza	December 31, 2003

MEETING DATE

3rd Tuesday of the Month

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Eugene Serio, Chairman
and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 2 of the
Parish of Pointe Coupee
Morganza, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA** (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the provisions of the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, published jointly by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Those standards and the Guide require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated January 30, 2003, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government*

Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the District. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

George F. Delaune, CPA

January 30, 2003

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	Govern- mental Fund Type	Account Group General Fixed Assets	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General Fund		2002	2001
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 170,900		\$ 170,900	\$ 155,953
Receivables -				
Ad valorem	37,278		37,278	38,195
State revenue sharing	632		632	603
Due from other governmental units	1,069		1,069	1,069
Property, plant, and equipment		\$ 290,025	290,025	278,566
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 209,879	\$ 290,025	\$ 499,904	\$ 474,386
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 860		\$ 860	\$ 277
Amount due retirement system	1,558		1,558	1,521
Total Liabilities	2,418		2,418	1,798
Fund Equity:				
Contributed capital - 4th Ward	2,242		2,242	2,242
Investment in general fixed assets -				
Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury		\$ 11,000	11,000	11,000
Village of Morganza		5,275	5,275	5,275
4th Ward Fire Prevention District		58,729	58,729	58,729
General Fund Revenues		215,021	215,021	203,562
Fund balance -				
Unreserved - undesignated	205,219		205,219	191,780
Total Fund Equity	207,461	290,025	497,486	472,588
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 209,879	\$ 290,025	\$ 499,904	\$ 474,386

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes -		
Ad valorem	\$ 39,968	\$ 32,384
Total Taxes	<u>39,968</u>	<u>32,384</u>
Intergovernmental revenues -		
State fire insurance rebate	4,126	3,893
State revenue sharing	<u>1,894</u>	<u>1,810</u>
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>6,020</u>	<u>5,703</u>
Miscellaneous revenues -		
Interest earned	<u>2,135</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>2,135</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>48,123</u>	<u>43,087</u>
Expenditures:		
Current Operations -		
General Government -		
Professional fees	1,775	1,775
Tax collector fees	<u>1,558</u>	<u>1,521</u>
Total General Government	<u>3,333</u>	<u>3,296</u>
Public Safety -		
Vehicle maintenance	5,327	326
Radios/pagers maintenance	1,211	446
Fire equipment maintenance	381	677
Protective gear	567	
Building maintenance		92
Telephone	460	446
Utilities	1,710	1,482
Insurance	7,090	7,131
Supplies and small tools	1,263	105
Travel and training sessions	792	10
All others	<u>1,091</u>	<u>118</u>
Total Public Safety	<u>19,892</u>	<u>10,833</u>
Total Current Operations	<u>23,225</u>	<u>14,129</u>
Capital Outlays -		
Fire fighting equipment and tools	5,648	
Radios and pagers	5,550	2,079
Office furniture and equipment	<u>261</u>	
Total Capital Outlays	<u>11,459</u>	<u>2,079</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>34,684</u>	<u>16,208</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	13,439	26,879
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>191,780</u>	<u>164,901</u>
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 205,219</u>	<u>\$ 191,780</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS) - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	2002			2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes -				
Ad valorem	\$ 28,000	\$ 39,968	\$ 11,968	\$ 32,384
Total Taxes	28,000	39,968	11,968	32,384
Intergovernmental revenues -				
State fire insurance rebate	3,893	4,126	233	3,893
State revenue sharing	1,810	1,894	84	1,810
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	5,703	6,020	317	5,703
Miscellaneous revenues -				
Interest earned	5,000	2,135	(2,865)	5,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	5,000	2,135	(2,865)	5,000
Total Revenues	38,703	48,123	9,420	43,087
Expenditures:				
Current Operations -				
General Government -				
Professional fees	1,800	1,775	25	1,775
Tax collector fees	1,600	1,558	42	1,521
Election expense				
Total General Government	3,400	3,333	67	3,296
Public Safety -				
Vehicle maintenance	5,000	5,327	(327)	326
Radios/pagers maintenance	1,500	1,211	289	446
Fire equipment maintenance	1,000	381	619	677
Protective gear	1,000	567	433	
Building maintenance	500		500	92
Telephone	500	460	40	446
Utilities	1,500	1,710	(210)	1,482
Insurance	7,500	7,090	410	7,131
Supplies and small tools	1,000	1,263	(263)	105
Travel and training sessions	250	792	(542)	10
All others	200	1,091	(891)	118
Total Public Safety	19,950	19,892	58	10,833
Total Current Operations	23,350	23,225	125	14,129

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

	<u>2002</u>			<u>2001</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Capital Outlays -				
Fire fighting equipment and tools	5,000	5,648	(648)	
Radios and pagers	5,000	5,550	(550)	2,079
Office furniture and equipment		261	(261)	
Total Capital Outlays	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,459</u>	<u>(1,459)</u>	<u>2,079</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>33,350</u>	<u>34,684</u>	<u>(1,334)</u>	<u>16,208</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	5,353	13,439	8,086	26,879
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>191,780</u>	<u>191,780</u>		<u>164,901</u>
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 197,133</u>	<u>\$ 205,219</u>	<u>\$ 8,086</u>	<u>\$ 191,780</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 - INTRODUCTION

On July 14, 1981, the 4th Ward Fire Protection District of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana was redesignated Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana (the "District") by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury under authority of Louisiana Revised Statute 40 Section 1491. The District operates under a commission form of government and provides fire protection services to all the territory situated within the limits of Pointe Coupee Election District 3, as said Election District was constituted. The Board is composed of five commissioners: two appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury; two appointed by the Village of Morganza; and one appointed by the other four who acts as chairman. These five commissioners accept no compensation although per diem is allowed. The District has no employees. Labor is furnished through a intergovernmental service agreement with the local volunteer firefighters.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Pointe Coupee Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of [a] the primary government (police jury), [b] organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and [c] other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.

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2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Applying criteria #3, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds of the District are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account the District's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds of the District include:

General Fund -- the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all financial resources.

Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

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Revenues

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available means when due, or past due and receivable and collected generally within 60 days after year end. See Note 4 for the property tax calendar.

Miscellaneous revenue (except investment earnings) are recorded as revenue when cash is received because they generally are not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Federal and state grants and reimbursements are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received by the District.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized when due in the General Fund.

Budgets

Proposed operating budgets for the fiscal years 1991 through 2001 (the term of the approved ad valorem tax millage), prepared on GAAP Basis, are approved by the Board of Commissioners and adopted in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

During the year, monthly budgetary comparison statements are used as management tools to control operations. When necessary the Board adopts budget amendments which are included in District minutes published in the official journal.

The District exercises budgetary control at the line item level. Unexpended appropriations lapse at the end year end and must be reappropriated in the next year's budget to be expended.

Encumbrances

The District does not follow the encumbrance method of accounting.

Cash

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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Bad Debts

The District uses the direct charge-off method whereby uncollectible amounts due from charges are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The direct charge-off method is used because it does not cause a material departure from GAAP and it approximates the valuation method.

Inventories

Inventories for supplies are immaterial and are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the general fixed assets account group. Interest costs incurred during construction are capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Compensated Absences

The District has no employees; therefore, it has no vacation or sick leave policies.

Fund Equity

The unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations.

Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the District's financial position and operations. However, complete comparative data (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type in each of the statements) have not been presented since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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NOTE 3 - CASH

At December 31, 2002, the status of deposited funds and collateralized balances are as follows:

Balance per bank statements	\$ 171,482
Secured by Federal Deposit insurance	100,000
Secured by market value of pledged securities	80,825
Unsecured and Uncollateralized	<u>\$ 0</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE 4 - AD VALOREM TAXES

All taxable property located within the State of Louisiana is subject by law to taxation on the basis of its assessed valuation. The assessed value is determined by the Parish Assessor, except for public utility property which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution provided that, beginning in 1978, all land and residential property were to be assessed at 10% of fair market value; agricultural, horticultural, marsh lands, timber lands and certain historic buildings are to assessed at 10% of "use" value; and all other property is to be assessed at 15% of fair market value. Fair market values are determined by the elected assessor of the parish and are subject to review and final certification by the Louisiana Tax District. The Assessor is required to reappraise all property every four years.

The Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish, as provided by State Law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the Parish. By agreement, the Sheriff receives a commission of approximately 4.18%.

The millage rates are adopted in late October. The taxes are levied and notices are mailed out in mid November of the year. All taxes are due by December 31 of the year and are delinquent on January 1 of the next year, which is also the lien date.

State law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. If taxes are not paid by the due date of December 31, the taxes bear interest at one and

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one-fourth percent (1.25%) per month until the taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied and become due. The majority of the year's taxes are usually collected in November and December of the year. Any amounts not collected at December 31 are shown as accounts receivable.

For the year 2002, taxes of \$37,278.22 were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$9,664,547 at the rate of 4.82 mills for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service and for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, improving, or constructing fire protection facilities of the Fire Protection District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public.

NOTE 5 - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

The balance due from other governmental units for reimbursement of a parishwide emergency telephone service is as follows:

Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	\$ 96
Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	457
Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	258
Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	258
	<u>\$ 1,069</u>

NOTE 6 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	January 1, 2002	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2002
Vehicles	\$ 158,390			\$ 158,390
Fire Fighting equipment/tools	46,656	\$ 5,648		52,304
Radios and paging equipment	48,089	5,550		53,639
Uniforms and protective gear	7,389			7,389
Office furniture and equipment	2,017	261		2,278
Fire hydrants	4,860			4,860
Buildings and improvements	11,556			11,556
Totals	<u>\$ 278,566</u>	<u>\$ 11,459</u>		<u>\$ 290,025</u>

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NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN AND RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

The District has no employees; therefore, it has no pension plan or retirement commitments.

NOTE 8 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There is no pending litigation against the District.

NOTE 9 - COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, compensation paid to board members is as follows:

Eugene Serio	\$ 0
Martin Frey	0
Valery Joseph Landry	0
Michael Neal	0
Mark Ramagos	0
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	\$ 0

NOTE 10 - FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are no active awards for the year ended December 31, 2002.

NOTE 11 - GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION

The GASB issued Statement Number 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments", in June of 1999. Since the District is a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, therefore, the date of implementation is effective in three phases based on the financial reporting entity's total annual revenues in the first fiscal year ending after June 15, 1999 (earlier application is encouraged). The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury's total annual revenues were less than \$10 million in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2000; therefore, the District is (phase 3) required to implement the provisions for the pronouncement for financial statements for the period beginning after June 15, 2003. GASB Statement Number 34 establishes a new governmental financial reporting model that will feature, among other significant changes, management discussion and analysis, a unique combination of fund-based and government-wide financial statements, required supplementary information, accounting for infrastructure assets, and accounting for the depreciation of infrastructure assets. The effects on the District's financial statements are not known at this time; however, the pronouncement will be implemented for the year ending December 31, 2004, if not implemented earlier.

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NOTE 12 - ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to volunteers; and natural disasters. The District attempts to minimize risk from significant losses through the purchase of commercial insurance.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
MORGANZA, LOUISIANA
TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATIONS
SINCE INCEPTION
(UNAUDITED)**

Year	Mills Levied	Assessed Value	Homestead Exemption	Tax to be Paid by Owner	Tax to be Paid by State	Total Tax
1982	3.00	\$ 9,844,498	\$ 1,572,051	\$ 24,818	\$ 4,716	\$ 29,534
1983	3.00	11,546,004	1,568,652	29,932	4,706	34,638
1984	3.00	9,048,974	1,600,534	22,346	4,802	27,147
1985	3.00	12,170,902	1,608,671	31,687	4,826	36,513
1986	4.01	9,524,387	1,626,432	31,671	6,523	38,194
1987	4.01	8,599,802	1,634,263	27,932	6,554	34,487
1988	4.01	8,780,793	1,504,641	29,177	6,034	35,212
1989	4.01	8,954,817	1,507,232	29,865	6,045	35,910
1990	4.01	7,964,444	1,487,812	25,971	5,967	31,938
1991	4.01	8,699,622	1,478,362	28,957	5,929	34,886
1992	3.56	9,730,755	1,508,185	29,273	5,369	34,642
1993	3.43	10,217,576	1,476,375	29,983	5,064	35,047
1994	3.43	10,041,022	1,510,806	29,259	5,182	34,442
1995	3.43	9,689,747	1,552,866	27,910	5,327	33,237
1996	3.33	10,109,490	1,666,851	28,115	5,551	33,666
1997	3.46	10,007,485	1,703,636	28,732	5,895	34,626
1998	3.69	9,483,904	1,724,425	28,633	6,364	34,997
1999	3.69	9,705,504	1,724,360	29,451	6,363	35,815
2000	3.69	10,201,106	1,819,110	40,402	8,768	49,170
2001	4.82	9,812,471	1,888,340	38,195	9,102	47,297
2002	4.82	7,734,002	1,930,545	37,278	9,306	46,584

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
MORGANZA, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND REVENUES, OTHER SOURCES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER USES
LAST TEN YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Revenues and Other Sources:										
Taxes	\$ 29,951	\$ 29,259	\$ 28,285	\$ 28,146	\$ 28,697	\$ 28,383	\$ 28,967	\$ 40,566	\$ 32,384	\$ 39,968
Intergovernmental revenues	5,036	5,405	5,744	5,676	5,500	5,679	5,968	5,829	5,703	6,020
Miscellaneous revenues	1,512	1,683	5,176	2,680	3,213	3,932	4,417	6,336	5,000	2,135
Debt financing										
Total Revenues and Other Sources	36,499	36,347	39,205	36,502	37,410	37,994	39,352	52,731	43,087	48,123
Expenditures and Other Uses:										
General government	2,892	2,634	2,563	2,607	2,600	2,594	3,995	3,598	3,296	3,333
Public safety	16,162	18,457	22,583	16,849	15,874	14,367	18,396	15,920	10,833	19,892
Capital outlays	15,733	8,748	13,781			1,535	3,358	1,192	2,079	11,459
Debt service	13,354									
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	48,141	29,839	38,927	19,456	18,474	18,496	25,749	20,710	16,208	34,684
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ (11,642)	\$ 6,508	\$ 278	\$ 17,046	\$ 18,936	\$ 19,498	\$ 13,603	\$ 32,021	\$ 26,879	\$ 13,439

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON
AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Mr. Eugene Scerio, Chairman
and the Members of the Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 2 of the
Parish of Pointe Coupee
Morganza, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA** (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, and have issued my report thereon dated January 30, 2003. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial

reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, New Roads, Louisiana (oversight entity), and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

George F. Delaune, CPA

January 30, 2003

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**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
MORGANZA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee.
2. No reportable conditions were disclosed during the audit of the general purpose financial statements.
3. No compliance violations were disclosed during the audit of the general purpose financial statements.
4. There were no federal awards received by Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee.

B. FINDINGS — FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None